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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 28 MAY 2004

At 7.30 pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR

As the financial year gets closer, we seem to get more on our plate. This is good, but it does become inconvenient when you have changes in responsibilities after the AGM. It will be the same this year, as the club gets more active. It will be the responsibility of members to help out on some of the projects as soon as volunteers are asked for, so don't hold back.

The next project is the George Fowler Memorial Auction to be held Sunday 30 May 2004. As most members will remember George VK3DOK was an active member of the Club and in WICEN and for many years was the auctioneer at the annual "auction of pre loved radio gear and often the other "junk". When George died the Committee of that time thought it fitting that he should be remembered in a fitting way for his contribution to the Club. So that annual sale was so named. Some of the best bargains go very cheaply, but it is a fun day and we look forward to your presence and spread the word to other amateurs and make them welcome.

DATES

Club meetings the last Friday each month starting at 7.30 pm

George Fowler Memorial Auction 30 May at Midday at the Club rooms beginning with a light lunch.

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3rd Wednesday in the month) will also start at 7.30.

Next PUB NIGHT: Venue City Oval Hotel Cnr. Pleasant & Mair Streets at 6.30 on Friday 21 May 2004. Choice of Chinese or Australian Meals. Attendees to confirm with Bob. VK3BNC

Construction Nights Construction nights are held on the second Monday each Monday each month at 7.30 .

WICEN Net : Tuesday nights at 9.30 pm on 3.60 MHz + QRM etc. (Some times below 3.60) and after the net closes, a short check in on 40M at an agreed freq.

EUREKA 150 CELEBRATIONS.

The Committee has agreed to support the 150 th. Celebration of the uprising at the Eureka Stockade which is to be held over the week leading up to the 5 Dec 2004. It is hoped to operate the Club as a "Special Events" station over that week and to issue special Certificates/ QSL cards. An application has been made to the Ballarat City Council for assistance for the event and an application is in the process to ACA hopefully for the callsign VI3EUREKA. for this event. More information will come to the Club, later.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Still this month nil.

SICK LIST

Norm VK3LBA has been sick and spent some time in hospital, but is home now so we wish norm speedy back to health.

CLUB ROOMS

Recently some of the members of the committee met with Phil. Garvey of the City Council to discuss possible alterations to the rooms. The meeting discussed alterations to the storage area, allowing for a door to allow a trailer etc to be stored, the re-roofing of the area and other internal alterations. The meeting was very satisfactory resulting in a small working bee to demolish the little laundry out the back (where the wheel barrow was stored) and discussions of possible alterations. We are now waiting for the City's work's manager and plumber to inspect. The Club may be able to purchase an 8 ft roller door at a very reasonable price to assist in the building.

Minutes of the Club Meeting for April

At this time the minutes are not available to be included in this Newsletter

April Meeting Speaker

This month we are to have a different guest speaker. Eric "doc" Doherty is a permanent member of the Regional HQ of the SES here in Ballarat and has recently spent 6 months secondment to SES Northern Territory and will speak on some of his experiences

Repeater VK3RWA

Updating the info. On the repeater. The new aerial has been put up on the tower but unfortunately things do not seem to have improved. Members have reported a "crackle" on listening, reception going from S4 to S8 and back again very quickly; contact between Ballarat and Ararat better on "reverse" than through the repeater. The Technical Committee is to look further into the problems and will appreciate any good factual information that members can give. It is not known if the problem is aerial, co-ax cable or the radios themselves. So before making a trip to the mountain, they need as much data as possible. Written reports would be more use than verbal.

There was to be a small technical item in this space but I cannot get it from the e-mail into the news letter in a usable form

Editor

CLUB INFORMATION

REPEATERS

VK3RBA	(Voice)	146.750	Mt Buninyong
VK3RWA	(Voice)	147.100	Mt Ben Nevis
VK3RPC	(Packet)	144.750	Mt Warrenheop
VK3RBU	(Voice)	438.475	

BEACON

VK3RMB	438.475	Mt Buninyong
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CLUB e-mail vk3bml@barg.org.au.

CLUB NET VK3BML 3.610+/- QRM Thursday Nights at 8 pm E.S.T (Summer & Winter)

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